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WARSHIPS TAKE PART

Bombard and Silence Russian Forts.

ADVANCE OF JAPANESE

EARLIER REPORTS OF SUCCESS REPEATED.

Scarcely a Building in Port Arthur Not Damaged—Battle Ship Sevastopol Disabled.

CHEFOO, August 24.—Information of undoubted authenticity states that the Japanese armored cruisers Nishin and Kasuga have bombarded and silenced the Russian forts east of Golden Hill, at the entrance of Port Arthur.

The forts referred to are probably the same or very close to Forts Talpanitz and Chauchanko, mentioned in these dispatches yesterday.

The Japanese have succeeded in occupying Antesshan fort, as well as another fort, probably Eshian, about a mile southwest of Antesshan. They have driven the Russians from the parade grounds (which lie about two miles north of the harbor); they have destroyed two forts at Chauchanko, which is within the eastern fortifications, and they have advanced to a point near Chauchanko.

Scarcely a building in Port Arthur remains undamaged. The town hall, which was used as a magazine, has been destroyed.

Four large warships unable to fight are at Port Arthur. Only one ship, a vessel with two masts and two funnels, has guns on board.

The fire of the forts not captured by the Japanese, together with the effect of land mines, is given as the reason why the Japanese have not yet conquered the Russian stronghold.

THE SEVASTOPOL DISABLED.

Struck a Mine and Was Towed Back Into the Harbor.

TOKYO, August 24.—Admiral Kato reports that as the Russian battle ship Sevastopol was emerging from Port Arthur yesterday she struck a mine, after which she was seen to be listed to starboard. She was towed back into the harbor.

The Japanese legation has received the following cablegram from Tokyo:

"According to the report of the commander of the torpedo boat destroyer Asashio, the Russian battle ship Sevastopol, while bombarding the Japanese position on land from outside the harbor on the 23d, struck a mine and inclined considerably to starboard with bows submerged. She was towed inside."

The Sevastopol had previously been injured while firing on the Japanese land positions from the outer roadstead.

RUSSIAN COMPLAINTS.

Intimations in St. Petersburg Papers of Unfair Treatment.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 24.—The Novosti today says: "Contented violation of international laws in the Chinese ports by the Japanese will compel Russia to regard the Chinese empire, or at least part thereof, as being within the sphere of active hostilities. China lacks either the power or the inclination to prevent Japanese incursions. The warships of neutral powers will aid the Japanese. Therefore, the agreement to China's neutrality, made at the beginning of the war, becomes a dead letter and Russia must ignore it in self-defense."

The Novoye Vremya says that the action of the British authorities in issuing new cooling regulations was aimed directly against Russia. "But the paper adds: 'They will not affect the carrying out of Russia's plans. They indicate, however, how much reliance can be placed on the professions of British friendship.'"

WAS IT THE SMOLENSK?

Uncertainty as to the Vessel That Stopped British Vessel.

LONDON, August 24.—The British foreign office has not yet been able to establish the identity of the Russian cruiser which recently examined the papers of the British ship Cape Colony. Telegraphic reports from the authorities at Durban confirm the examination of the papers, but as no person on board the Comedian could read Russian characters difficulty has been found in determining the name of the cruiser. The description given by the commander of the Comedian tallies with the description of the Russian ship Cape Colony. There are many possibilities, but probably she will not make it a Japanese territory, but will handle it in accordance with the original purpose. The victory of Japan will greatly increase American oriental commerce.

Baron Matsudaira will sail for Japan on the Manchuria tomorrow.

BARON MATSUDAIRA'S VIEW.

Doesn't Think Port Arthur's Fall Will End the War.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 24.—Baron Matsudaira, member of the house of peers of Japan and vice president of the imperial Japanese commission to the St. Louis exposition, is here on his way home. In an interview today he is quoted as follows on the Russo-Japanese war situation:

"The fall of Port Arthur will probably not close the war, because it may not settle the purpose of the war—it may not convince Russia. By the time that the Russians get to Harbin it will be time for Russia to be convinced that she was wrong. In case the Japanese win in the war they will not treat Manchuria according to Russian policy. There are many possibilities, but probably she will not make it a Japanese territory, but will handle it in accordance with the original purpose. The victory of Japan will greatly increase American oriental commerce."

GIVEN MORE TIME

Russia May Have Until the 28th for Repairs.

DISPUTE AT SHANGHAI

BELIEVED THAT VESSELS WILL BE DISARMED.

The Diana at Saigon Said to Be in a Bad Condition and She May Be Laid Up.

LONDON, August 24.—British official advice lead to the expectation that Russia will order, if she has not already done so, the disarmament of the protected cruiser Askold and torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi at Shanghai and thus end the controversy. The British dock which the Askold occupies is outside the foreign settlements, and within Chinese territory, and, therefore, under Chinese jurisdiction. Sir Pelham Warren, the British consul general, is without authority to order the dock company to stop repairs on the ships, but his advice that no further work on the vessels be done has been sufficient to convince the dock officials that if they persist in repairing the Russian vessels and a naval combat occurs in which the dock is damaged they will obtain no redress through the British government.

The Japanese legation here is hopeful now that the incident will be satisfactorily ended, but it is added that Japan proposes to see for herself that the ships are dismantled, and, therefore, she will send an inspecting officer on board, as she did in the case of the Russian warship which sought refuge at Tsingtau, the German port on the Shang-Tung promontory.

The Diana May Disarm, Too.

PARIS, August 24.—There is reason to believe that a decision is about to be taken providing for the voluntary disarmament of the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi, now at Shanghai, and the Russian cruiser Diana, at Saigon. This will be done primarily to avoid international complications, and will have the effect of reducing the Russian strength by three strong units, but the Russian authorities consider that this will be offset by the avoidance of the possible capture of the vessels named by the Japanese.

Stories received here from Saigon show, contrary to previous announcements, that the Diana is in a very bad condition. She has one large hole in her hull below the water line. Her injuries will take weeks to repair. This would have permitted an extension of her journey in a neutral port beyond the twenty-four hours, which expired yesterday, but it is foreseen that the repairs would entail such a stay at Saigon that it is possible that questions affecting the neutrality of the port would be likely to arise, and, therefore, Russia is disposed to disarm the Diana, which thereafter will remain in Saigon during the war.

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A dispatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg says the Askold, Grozovoi and Diana will be disarmed if Japan will give the powers a special promise not to attempt thereafter to seize them.

Russia Given Until the 28th.

A cable dispatch was received at the State Department from Consul General Goodnow today, stating that the war wu pu has extended until noon August 28 the time for repatriating or disarming the Russian ships in the harbor at Shanghai. The war wu pu is the Chinese foreign office.

Admiral Stirling to Remain.

There was an early conference at the Navy Department today between Mr. Adee, the acting secretary of state, and Mr. Darling, the acting secretary of the navy, regarding the situation at Shanghai. Mr. Adee had some advice from the department's agents, but no word has yet reached here from Rear Admiral Stirling, who is under orders to report every development to the department.

After the conference the announcement was made that Admiral Stirling would delay his departure to Manila bay, where he was due September 1, for the purpose of holding the regular autumn target practice of the Asiatic fleet. How long the acute condition of affairs at Shanghai will necessitate the presence of American warships is quite uncertain, and in consequence the Navy Department can fix no date now for the target practice.

THE ATHENS CLASH OF SOLDIERY

Report to Gen. Grant of the Death of a Regular.

Complying with the request of Secretary Taft for a speedy report of the facts connected with the clash between the regular soldiers and militia at Athens last week, resulting in the reported killing of a militiaman while on provost guard duty, Col. McClernand, chief of staff to Gen. Bates, commanding the northern division, has made a brief report by wire under date of St. Louis, August 24. As the superior officer to Gen. Grant, commanding the Department of the Lakes, the division commander, through his chief of staff, was required to make the report to the department. It discloses the fact that one of the United States regulars, a corporal, was probably killed in the clash with the militia guard, or at least his body was found in the river at Athens, and the department is trying to learn how he came to his death. Gen. Grant, who is at Athens, is making a thorough investigation of the affair, having been furnished with Gen. Dick's statement on this subject.

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LITTLE JAP: "CHINEE, SOMEBODY IN YOUR TUB."

DOINGS AT OYSTER BAY

PRESIDENT TALKS WITH TIMOTHY L. WOODRUFF TODAY.

Secretary Cortelyou to Call Tonight to Discuss Phases of the National Campaign.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., August 24.—After a delightful horseback ride and some invigorating exercise about the grounds of Sagamore Hill today, President Roosevelt worked for several hours in his library. He was joined there by Secretary Loeb and together they disposed of an accumulation of mail relating principally to government business.

National Chairman George B. Cortelyou will be a guest of the President tonight. He will arrive here on a late afternoon train and remain until tomorrow morning. He desires to consider with the President some phases of the campaign which have arisen, in which the President has a particular interest.

Timothy L. Woodruff, former lieutenant governor of New York, was a caller at Sagamore Hill today, having spent much of his time at his summer resort in the Adirondacks. Mr. Woodruff has not had opportunity to see the President since he returned from Europe. His special mission here today was to discuss with the President the appointment of a successor to the late J. H. Brainerd as assistant secretary of agriculture, although quite naturally the New York and the general political situations were considered.

Woodruff Talked Frankly.

Mr. Woodruff talked frankly about his visit and about the New York political situation before he entered the carriage for Sagamore Hill.

"I really know very little at this time concerning the business on which the President desires to see me," said he. "We shall discuss a good many things. I fancy, relating to both politics and personal matters. The President wants to talk to me, I understand, about the vacant assistant secretaryship of agriculture, but I know nothing practically concerning it."

To Be Open and Undirected.

"Can you say anything concerning the New York political situation, particularly that regarding the republican gubernatorial nomination?"

"Yes," said he, "I replied Mr. Woodruff. 'An agreement has been entered into by which the convention which is to be held at Saratoga just three weeks from this time will be absolutely open and undirected. I was up in the woods when I received a message from Senator Platt that Mr. Woodruff had written a letter from former Secretary Elihu Root declaring he considered a candidate for the nomination.'"

"I joined Mr. Platt and spent last Sunday with him, accompanying him to New York on Monday."

"We discussed the matter thoroughly."

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UNCLE JOE AT CHICAGO

BELIEVES TREND OF PUBLIC FEELING IS FOR ROOSEVELT.

Declares Main Effort of the National Committee Will Be to Get Out the Votes.

CHICAGO, August 24.—Speaker Cannon was in consultation today with the leaders at republican headquarters. Speaking of the political outlook, he said: "I have just spent two weeks in the eastern states, and while I would not assume to pass upon the situation there as I would in a congressional district, I will say that so far as I could gather from my conversations with leading men of both parties, the trend of feeling since Parker's nomination and especially since his speech of acceptance, is toward the republican ticket. Our main effort will be to get the vote out in Vermont, for instance, an excellent object lesson to the democrats."

In reply to a question as to the reason for his reference to Judge Parker's speech, Mr. Cannon said:

Some Cannon Philosophy.

"It was intended to be all things to all men, and like all efforts of that kind it proves to be nothing to any man."

"Yes," he added, "the outlook is favorable; the republican forces are all in good order; there are no nails down, and the fences are staked and ridged and in shape to add a couple of barbed wires if necessary."

"How about the outlook for the House of Representatives?"

"The indications are for a closer vote than there has been on the electoral ticket, but there is no danger there if we only get the vote out."

He expressed the opinion that the labor complications would not affect the situation.

"It is only a question of a division of the profits," he said, "and everybody knows that no such question could have possibly arisen under the last democratic administration, for there were no profits."

Will Be Expedited.

Vance Fulkerson Charged With Embezzlement of Government Money.

Treasury officials are greatly pleased with unofficial information that has reached them from Vance Fulkerson, who was a customs inspector and appraiser at El Paso, Tex., has been ordered extradited to this country by the Mexican government. Fulkerson was indicted last spring on about forty charges of embezzlement of government money and destruction of government papers. He skipped to Mexico and has been in that country ever since. His arrest was brought about two weeks ago, and the matter of his extradition has been under consideration since then. Fulkerson had charge of the collection of duties on goods coming from Mexico to the United States. He made collections in over forty cases, aggregating more than \$400, and failed to make an accounting to the government. His indictment followed, but before he could be tried he fled.

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In their heart of hearts all that the democrats expect to do in Maine and Vermont is to cut down the republican plurality and they will be extremely thankful if they do that much. Their reason for desiring to cut down the plurality is that they will take hope, from the experience of the past, that it betokens a drift of democratic sentiment in the country, which, manifested elsewhere, might lead to the election of a democratic victory. Kind of an attenuated string of hopes, to be sure, but still the best there is in the democratic shop at present.

Mr. William F. Sheehan, one of the leaders of the national democracy as at present organized, is down in Maine trying to hearten up the faithful and secure a rousing turnout on election day. He is of opinion